

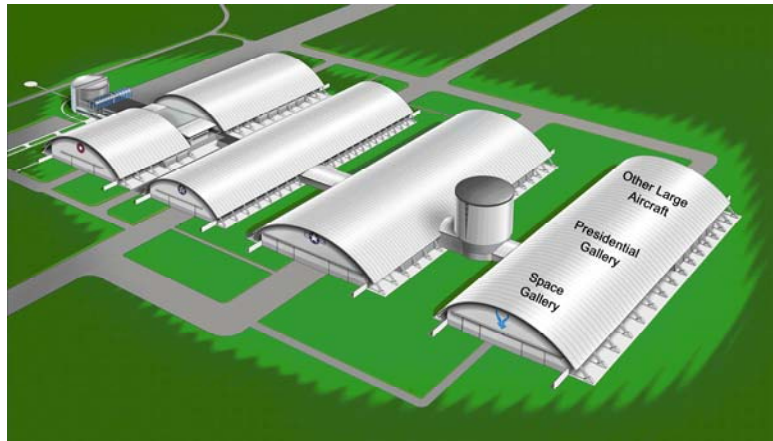


NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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Museum Expansion Plan

- The National Museum of the United States Air Force is in the midst of a multi-phase, long-term expansion plan, which includes the completed Cold War Gallery (2003) and Missile Gallery (2004). The next major program initiative is a new Space Gallery.
- The museum currently showcases more than 400 aerospace vehicles in over 17 acres of indoor exhibit space.



Proposed Space Gallery Highlights



- The Space Gallery is a 53,000 square foot, climate-controlled, secure gallery devoted exclusively to portraying the Air Force's past, present and future in space.
- The gallery will house the museum's growing space collection, including a recently acquired Titan IV space launch vehicle and Mercury, Gemini and Apollo capsules.
- The museum has requested a retired Space Shuttle orbiter; however, acquiring this historically significant space artifact is contingent upon having secure, accessible and climate-controlled exhibit space to house it.
- These spacecraft exemplify the close ties between the Air Force and NASA in manned spaceflight. A range of satellites and booster systems, spanning the entire history of the space age, illustrate the Air Force's vast reconnaissance, early warning, communications and other space capabilities.
- The Space Gallery will provide opportunities to educate the public about the rich history of the Air Force's space programs and vital Air Force, NASA and aerospace industry partnerships.

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